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Subject: Permit # AR0053210, AFIN 60-05010

Loretta Carstens, P.E.
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RE: Permit # AR0053210, AFIN 60-05010

Dear Ms. Carstens,

First, I want to thank ADEQ for your previous work revisiting the standards and expectations of this permit and reopening the process for community input. The proposed development will have a great impact on the local landscape and on those of us who care for and live on it.

I'm asking ADEQ to continue with extra careful consideration for what it means to have above ground effluent meandering around homesites, livestock yards, preserved wilderness areas with wildlife, and polluting the aquifers from which our local water company supplies water to families and businesses.

The environmental movement that began as *Save Mill Bayou* has grown as more residents have become aware of the hazards to ecological systems and the health of people, pets, and wildlife. On it's face this may appear to be another run-of-the-mill attempt to stop encroaching development, but the outcry of the Roland community and surrounding area is directed at preserving confidence that health and safety is the priority for those here now and those who wish to live here in the future.

The sensible position to take is to request that ADEQ deny the permit, and I hope you do deny it on it's merit as written. ADEQ has the power to demand higher standards and require further study of ways to make potential growth safe and noninvasive to the community at large. Reasons Roland has remained rural include lack of a sewer system to accommodate growth, and no controls for storm water runoff which causes local flooding. The existing plan for the Paradise Valley site would bring great harm to neighboring properties, and increase the depth and breadth of rainwater flooding in the wider areas.

At the right time and in the right place building will eventually occur in Roland. When it does ADEQ should require

- Low density land development
- Homesite sewage management systems
- Reliable sewage management
- Reliable storm water management

Please deny this permit.

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